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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicants : Michael Wassnenegger et al.
Application No.: 09/782,874 Confirmation No.: 6565
Filed : February 8, 2001
For : NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING
POLYPEPTIDES HAVING THE ENZYMATIC
ACTIVITY OF AN RNA-DIRECTED RNA
POLYMERASE (RdRP)
Group Art Unit : 1638
Examiner : Georgia L. Helmer

New York, New York
September 3, 2002

Hon. Commissioner
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated July 1, 2002. With the extension, a response is due on or before September 3, 2002.* A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

* The last day for responding to the communication with a one month extension is September 1, 2002, which falls on a Sunday. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, applicants may submit this response on the next business day.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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